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FOR THE HONORABLE RICARDO J BORDALLO GOVERNOR

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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF REPATRIATES TO GUAM

DEAR GOVERNOR BORDALLO:

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR CABLE CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT OF THE FIRST INCREMENT OF POTENTIAL REPATRIATES FROM CALIFORNIA TO GUAM. I AM SYMPATHETIC TO YOUR POSITION. HOWEVER, IN THIS MATTER, I AM SURE THAT YOU REALIZE THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO US.

2. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS ARISING AMONG THIS GROUP OF REPATRIATES WHICH WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE TOURIST TRADE ON GUAM. IN THE MAIN, THESE REFUGEES ARE QUITE LIKE THE REMAINDER OF THE THOUSANDS WHO HAVE MOVED THROUGH GUAM WITHOUT INCIDENT. IN FACT, EACH OF THEM ALREADY HAS TRANSITED THROUGH GUAM ON THEIR WAY TO THE CONTINENTAL US.

3. IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE AN EXTRA BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, YOUR STAFF AND YOU, I HAVE DIRECTED THAT ADDITIONAL

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FEDERAL RESOURCES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIS GROUP.

THIS WILL INCLUDE US MARSHALLS AND OTHERS.

4. I CANNOT, OF COURSE, PREDICT ACCURATELY WHEN THIS GROUP
WILL BE MOVING BACK TO INDOCHINA. HOWEVER, WE HOPE THAT THE

AUTHORITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO THE
UNHCR AND THAT THEIR RAPID MOVEMENT ONWARD CAN BE ARRANGED.

5. AGAIN, I SHARE YOUR CONCERN AND KNOW THAT YOU AND THE
PEOPLE OF GUAM WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND IN THE SAME SUPERB
MANNER AS THEY HAVE SINCE THIS PROGRAM BEGAN. PLEASE
CONVEY MY PERSONAL THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR
THEIR SUPPORT THUS FAR AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT. SINCERELY, JULIA VADALA TAFT, PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND DIRECTOR, INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON
INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. SISCO

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